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MEDIA RELEASE

Man Dies in ATV Crash, Acquaintances Hide Evidence

On February 7, 2023, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area of North Lake Shore Drive and Greenwood Avenue, Unincorporated Spring Grove, for a report of a person down. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located a 56-year-old man of Unincorporated Spring Grove unconscious and unresponsive. The man, Glenn Luthardt, 56, was transported to Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital in critical condition, where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

The initial 911 caller informed sheriff's 911 telecommunicators that they found Luthardt lying on the ground. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located Luthardt with multiple injuries. There was no vehicle in the vicinity and no initial obvious signs he was struck by a vehicle.

Sheriff's detectives and sheriff's crash investigators responded to the scene to further investigate. After extensive investigation, including viewing nearby video surveillance and interviewing a number of people, sheriff's detectives determined Luthardt was drinking at a nearby bar. Before leaving the bar, he tripped and fell, which caused some injuries to his face. A short time later Luthardt left the bar on his ATV. According to a witness, he crossed Grass Lake Road onto Lake Shore Drive and accelerated at a high rate of speed. He lost control and was thrown from the ATV. The ATV landed on top of him.

An acquaintance who was following Luthardt home was able to remove the ATV from his body and called for help from additional acquaintances. Knowing Luthardt was likely under the influence of alcohol and driving with a revoked driver's license, the acquaintances removed Luthardt's ATV from the scene, so there was no evidence he was driving. Detectives searched the area following the crash and located Luthardt's ATV several hours later, in the backyard of a residence approximately one-half-mile from the crash scene.

The incident remains under investigation and criminal charges are possible.

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